

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive privilege or property is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A pedestrian presence indicator mountable to a vehicle for warning nearby traffic about the presence of a pedestrian within a predetermined target zone; said vehicle defining a vehicle front end, a vehicle rear end, a pair of vehicle side ends and a vehicle longitudinal axis, said vehicle also including a vehicle electric circuitry powered by a vehicle battery, said vehicle circuitry including an ignition switch; said sign signaling device comprising:

- a sensing means mounted to said vehicle for sensing the presence of said pedestrian upon said pedestrian being positioned within said target zone;
- a signaling means coupled to said sensing means for emitting a warning signal perceivable by said nearby traffic upon said sensing means sensing the presence of said pedestrian within said target zone.

2. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 1 wherein said signaling means emits said warning signal when said pedestrian is positioned in front or in back of said vehicle within a predetermined distance from said vehicle.

3. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 2 wherein said predetermined distance is approximately three feet.
4. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 2 wherein said signaling means is not activated by the presence of said pedestrian along side said vehicle.
5. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 1 wherein said sensing means includes a motion detector.
6. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 5 wherein said motion detector is a microwave sensor.
7. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 6 wherein said microwave sensor is configured, sized and positioned so that said microwave sensor does not sense the presence of said pedestrian when said pedestrian is located along side said vehicle.
8. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 7 wherein said sensing means includes a front microwave sensor and a rear microwave sensor, said front and rear microwave sensors being respectively positioned underneath the hood and inside the trunk of said vehicle; said front and rear microwave sensors being configured, sized and positioned so as to use the metallic components of

said vehicle as microwave shields for ensuring that said microwave sensors do not sense the presence of said pedestrian when said pedestrian is located along side said vehicle.

9. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 5 wherein said microwave sensor is protectively enclosed within a polymeric sensor shield, said sensor shield being secured to said vehicle.

10. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 1 wherein said signaling means allows for the emission of a visual warning signal

11. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 10 wherein said signaling means allows for the emission of a visual warning signal positioned so as to be visible by nearby traffic when said vehicle is parked in parallel alongside a road.

12. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 11 wherein said signaling means includes a laser mounted to said vehicle.

13. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 12 wherein said laser is a non-Gaussian laser.

14. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 12 wherein said laser allows for the emission of a red colored laser beam.

15. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 12 wherein said laser is mounted to said vehicle so as to emit a laser beam substantially perpendicular to said vehicle longitudinal axis.

16. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 12 wherein said laser is a non-Gaussian laser allowing for the emission of a red colored laser beam over a distance of approximately four feet and directed substantially perpendicularly relative to said vehicle longitudinal axis.

17. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 11 wherein said signaling means includes four lasers respectively mounted to said vehicle adjacent a corresponding corner section thereof.

18. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 17 wherein each of said lasers is a non-Gaussian laser allowing for the emission of a red colored laser beam over a distance of approximately four feet and directed substantially perpendicularly relative to said vehicle longitudinal axis.

19. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 11 wherein said signaling means includes a strobe light mounted to said vehicle.

20. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 11 wherein said signaling means includes four strobe lights respectively mounted to said vehicle adjacent a corresponding corner section thereof.

21. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 1 further comprising activating means for selectively activating said sensing means and said signaling means upon said ignition switch being set in an off position.

22. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 21 further comprising a delay means for delaying the activation of said sensing and signaling means for a predetermined delay period upon said ignition switch being set in an off position.

23. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 1 further comprising a signal maintaining means for maintaining the emission of said warning signal for a predetermined duration period upon said signaling means being activated.

24. A pedestrian presence indicator as recited in claim 1 further comprising a remote control for allowing selective remote activation and deactivation of said sensing and signaling means.

25. In combination, a vehicle and a pedestrian presence indicator mounted on said vehicle for warning nearby traffic about the presence of a pedestrian within a predetermined target zone; said vehicle defining a vehicle front end, a vehicle rear end, a pair of vehicle side ends and a vehicle longitudinal axis, said vehicle also including a vehicle electric circuitry powered by a vehicle battery, said vehicle circuitry including an ignition switch; said sign signaling device comprising:

- a sensing means mounted to said vehicle for sensing the presence of said pedestrian upon said pedestrian being positioned within said target zone;
- a signaling means coupled to said sensing means for emitting a warning signal perceivable by said nearby traffic upon said sensing means sensing the presence of said pedestrian within said target zone.

26. A combination as recited in claim 25 wherein said signaling means emits said warning signal when said pedestrian is positioned in front or in back of said vehicle within a predetermined distance from said vehicle.

27. A combination as recited in claim 25 wherein said sensing means includes a front microwave sensor and a rear microwave sensor, said front and rear microwave sensors being respectively positioned underneath the hood and inside the trunk of said vehicle; said front and rear microwave sensors being configured, sized and positioned so as to use the metallic components of said vehicle as microwave shields for ensuring that said microwave sensors do not

sense the presence of said pedestrian when said pedestrian is located along side said vehicle.

28. A combination as recited in claim 25 wherein said signaling means allows for the emission of a visual warning signal positioned so as to be visible by nearby traffic when said vehicle is parked in parallel alongside a road.

29. A combination as recited in claim 28 wherein said signaling means includes a laser mounted to said vehicle.

30. A combination as recited in claim 29 wherein said laser is mounted to said vehicle so as to emit a laser beam substantially perpendicular to said vehicle longitudinal axis.

31. A combination as recited in claim 29 wherein said laser is a non-Gaussian laser allowing for the emission of a red colored laser beam over a distance of approximately four feet and directed substantially perpendicularly relative to said vehicle longitudinal axis.